

Amendments to the Specification:

Please amend the paragraph at page 1, lines 18-29 as follows:

Conventionally, as a fault searching system for an optical line passing through a PON as described above, a system has been known in which a place where a fault in the optical line arises is specified from the side of the center station by using an optical time domain reflectometer (OTDR) as an optical pulse tester which generates test light with a wavelength of 1.65 μm , as disclosed in ~~Non-Patent Document (Noriyuki Araki and four others,~~ "Tests for Improving Reliability in Trunk Line," by Noriyuki Araki et al., online, June 1999, searched on Jun. 30th, 2003, Internet ~~<<http://www.accs.or.jp/report/405section.htm>>.~~